Hindi University in Andhra Pradesh

1148 SHRI R SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to open a Hindi University in the South;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to consider the question of setting up of the Hindi University in Andhra Pradesh, and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : At present the Government are not planning to open a Hindi University. However, a proposal to establish Vishwa Hindi Vidyapith, an International Hindi University, received from Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha, is under consideration of a Sub-Committee constituted for the purpose.

(b) and (c) At present there is no proposal under consideration to set up the above mentioned Vishwa Hindi Vidyapith, an International Hindi University, in Andhra Pradesh, as the proposal to establish the University is still under consideration of a Sub-Committee which has yet to submit its report.

Adulterated Pan Masala are injurious to the Health

1149. SHRI R SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Pan Masala brands are being sold in the market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of these brands are adulterated with such substances which are likely to cause serious ill-effects and even cancer; and

(c) if so, what steps are the Government taking to restrict the proliferation of pan masalas and educate the people about their harmful effects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) Pan Masala in different brand names are in the market.

(b) The Government has no information to this effect.

(c) Does not arise.

Postponing of World Book Fair in Delhi

150 SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Eighth New Delhi World Book Fair proposed to be held from 5th to 15th February, 1988 has been indefinitely postponed; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Breaking down of Gangway at Cochin Port

1151. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the new aircraft carrier INS Virrat was berthed at the Cochin Port in the third week of September, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that when the port employees had gone to have a look at the aircraft carrier, the gangway broke down resulting in injuries to several employees; and

(c) if so, whether it was due to any sabotage or due to the uncontrolled rush of visitors on the gangway ?